

A farther Account of the Victory Obtained by Their Majesties and the Dutch Fleet over the French.

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THis Morning by an Express from *Portsmouth*, came Letters from the Fleet, with this following Account ; That on the 19th Their Majesties and the Dutch Fleet, being about 6 Leagues from *Cape Barfleur*, got sight of the French Fleet, who came down upon us with the Wind at S. W. and about 11 they were engaged, which continued till about 3 in the Afternoon, when the French bore away ; It was Calm greatest part of the day, but a fresh Gale springing up about 6, the Blue Squadron renewed the Fight, and continued it till Ten at Night ; During the Engagement we heard 3 Ships blow up, which we concluded to be French ; since we did not miss one on our side ; All Night 'twas very Calm, and Foggy the next Morning ; about 8 a Clock it began to clear up, the Wind at E. N. E. when we saw the French Fleet about 2 Leagues to the Leeward of us, being much lessened in their number since the day before, for they were now but 36 Men of War ; we endeavoured all we could to get up with them, and they to retire from us ; About Ten it grew Calm again, and about Three both Fleets came to an Anchor, the Dutch, who had the Van, being within a League of the Enemy, the Wind then Westerly. At 11 at Night we weighed, and Anchored about 6 the next Morning. The 21st about 9 in the morning we set Sail again, as did likewise the Enemy, Admiral *Russel* took his Course towards *Barfleur*, having got sight of several French Ships under the Shoar, and Admiral *Allemonde*, and the Admiral of the Blue, Sailed to the Westward ; the first endeavoured to get up with 16 French Ships, which he discovered, and supposed were coming from *France* to join their Fleet ; and Sir *John Ashby* pursued the rest of the Enemies Fleet, who endeavoured in great Confusion to get into the Rase of *Ornay*. Admiral *Allemonde* lost sight of the said 16 French Ships in the Night, they having, as he believed, got in among the Rocks, and because it was not adviseable to follow them there, he sailed Eastward again to rejoin Admiral *Russel*.

On the 22d in the Forenoon, Vice-Admiral *Delavai* burnt under *Cape de Wyke* near the Shore, the *Royal Sun*, being the Ship of the Count *de Tourville*, Admiral of the French Fleet, carrying 104 Guns, as also the *Admirable*, Commanded by his second Monsieur *Beaujen* of 102 Guns ; and the Fort of 80 Guns, with two Frigats, and three of lesser Rank, and Admiral *Russel* was in close pursuit of 9 more. The Prisoners of the said Burnt Ships declared, That during the Battle 4 or 5 their biggest Ships were Destroyed.

Rear Admiral *Carter*, and Colonel *Anthony Hastings* Commander of the *Sandwich*, were killed in the Battle.

From *Portsmouth* we have an account, That 4 French Ships, of 3 Decks, lay on the back of the *Isle of Wight*, very much disabled ; and that two English Men of War, who were refitted, with two Dutch Frigats, and a Fireship, were going out to take or destroy them.